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1. The northern part of Sassnitz harbor is still reserved for Soviet and East German ships. On the average there are between six and ten Soviet ships, consisting of torpedo cutters, destroyers and trawlers, and between two and four East German patrol boats of 400 - 800 gross tons, armed with small caliber artillery guns and several machine guns, anchored in this part of the harbor.

2. During the period from 10 to 14 October, the following ships attached to the Saenolizei carried out exercises off Ruegen's east coast: the Ernst Thaelmann, and five additional ships whose names could not be observed. Landing exercises constituted one part of these exercises.

3. On the nights of 17 and 18 October, landing exercises were observed in progress in the northern part of Sassnitz harbor. The exercises were carried out by about ten Soviet and East German ships, consisting mainly of large trawlers similar to mine-sweepers. Ten large searchlights located on the southern mole illuminated the entire landing bank and a radar station, with an antenna resembling the cross-section of a bird cage, was erected between two searchlights. The soldiers who landed on the bank were East Germans.

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